

United States Senate

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Dr. John Noseworthy, CEO & President
Mayo Clinic
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Dear Dr. Noseworthy:

Thank you for talking with me on August 23, 2017. During our call, we discussed my hope that you and the Mayo Clinic's leadership would increase your community outreach and spend more time listening to the communities you serve. Since our call, my office has continued to receive numerous calls from anxious constituents who are concerned about Mayo's plans, so I write to again communicate their concerns to you.

For over 150 years, the Mayo Clinic has been a national leader in health care. During this time of uncertainty and debate around health care access and affordability, I urge you as a leader to create opportunities that increase engagement with communities across Minnesota and that provide more information regarding the transition of services. I also urge you to consider what actions—including additional community meetings—Mayo could take to inform the public of changes in your delivery models that could affect Minnesota's rural communities.

As Co-Chair of the Senate Rural Health Caucus, I am aware of the barriers millions of Minnesotans and Americans face when it comes to accessing affordable, high quality health care in rural areas. We are all well aware that health care is a deeply personal issue. I remain committed to keeping patients and their families at the center of all future policy decisions and hope you will continue to do the same.

I will continue to share feedback that I hear from my constituents in the area you serve. I urge you to take the concerns of these communities seriously. Thank you for attention in this matter.

Sincerely,



Al Franken
United States Senator